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Mr. Harold Verb
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Dear Mr. Verb,

This is in hasty response to your well thought out letter of the 26th. You book is already in the mail.

As I said in the book, with nothing to take to a court of law, the problem of doing anything is not a simple one. I acknowledge the disadvantages of Congressional handling. But I also though of a commission of inquiry by prominent citizens. This has a number of immediately-apparent disadvantages. First, it cannot compel appearance and/or testimony. Next, it could have no punitive powers, such as for perjury, and there are clear inferences of both perjury and subornation of perjury in the book already. Also, could such an inquiry com and the attention of the press that would be required for its success? It would depend entirely upon public opinion for its success. Without a press, it would have no public opinion.

There is another side to the participation of the Kennedy's. My information also is that the former Attorney General is not in any way and as Attorney General did not associate himself in any way with the investigation. Exactly because he is the brother of the murdered President would he be subject to criticism as biased. Less credence might have been placed in an investigation with which he was actively associated. I regret this, for I am confident that what happened would not have happened had he been in charge. But I think it unfair to fault him for this.

I have had another report that he is conducting his own private and quiet inquiry. I hope it is true but cannot confirm it. I would appreciate all you might be able to tell me of this, in as much detail as possible. It could be quite important, for since finishing the book I, too, have come accross new and rather sensational data.

We have had more orders from California than from any other state, yet I have done no advertising and have done nothing to interest any Californians. I am quite anxious to arrange for commercial distribution on any scale. If you know any book stores or distributors, we are sending these on consignment at regular hard-back trade discounts. There is a famous bookstore in San Fransisco, but I am not certain of the name. Is it Lawrence Ferlinghetti's? From what I've heard of this man, I think he might be interested. I'll ship the books in any quantities and however specified. The printer delivered them to me in packages of 40.

Thanks for your interest and anything you can do.

Sincerely,

Harold Weisberg